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SUBJECT: CODEL SMITH DISCUSSES IRAQ AND COUNTERTERRORISM
IISSUES WITH MOD, MI-6, AND DFID OFFICIALS Classified By: Political Minister Counselor Maura Connelly for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

11. (S/NF) Summary. On the heels of their trip to Afghanistan and Pakistan, Codel Smith traveled to London April 29 for meetings with senior of

MOD Meeting: Iraq

- 12. (S) Representatives Adam Smith, Mac Thornberry, Gabrielle Giffords, Bill Shuster, and Mike Conaway, joined by staff and Poloff, received a
- 13. (S) Wall admitted that the recent Iraq military operation in Basrah instigated by Prime Minister Maliki "surprised everyone." Nevertheless, MOD Meeting: Afghanistan
- 14. (S) Overall, Wall assessed that counter-narcotics is the biggest problem the UK faces in Afghanistan, not counter-insurgency. The need to i MI-6 Meeting
- 15. (S/NF) XXXXXXXXXXX, MI-6 Special Intelligence Service (SIS) XXXXXXXXXXX, expressed to the Codel HMG's gratitude for the USG's collective
- 16. (S/NF) XXXXXXXXXXXX told the Codel the UK faces "external" threats like many other European countries and, simultaneously, an "internal hom
- 17. (U) Codel Smith did not have the opportunity to clear this cable before leaving post. XXXXXXXXXXXX TUTTLE 0 05/01/2008 5729 PGOV,PTER,PREL, MOD Meeting: Iraq
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